Building Markets (Formerly Peace Dividend Trust) organizes Afghan Business to Business Networking Events! Our latest one-day conference brought together agribusinesses from Helmand and Kabul, providing these businesses with a forum to discuss current opportunities and challenges with the aim of fostering long-term business relationships in Afghanistan.

Survey Results:

- 56% of respondents indicated that it is ‘difficult’ to do business in Afghanistan, while 44% indicated that it is ‘easy’ or ‘very easy’
- 89% responded that the presence of the international community has been beneficial to starting businesses in Afghanistan

Challenges for Afghan Businesses:

- 42% of respondents found that security presents the greatest challenge for their business
- 21% say that budgetary constraints are the biggest challenge
- 12% believe that it is due to unsupportive governments
- Perceptions of government support: 67% believe that the government is supportive (61%) or very supportive (6%); whereas 33% believe that the government is unsupportive

Other challenges include business experience (13%), electricity and investment opportunities (4%), corruption (4%) and the economy (4%)

* Of the 22 participants surveyed, 18 responded to this survey

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